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Acting Secretary Anne K. Quinlan
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No AB-290 (Sub-No. 305X)

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

The notice published in the Federal Register on October 22, 2008, stated that NSR "proposes to convey the line intact to Rosebud Mining Company for continued use in its coal operations as a private track." Although it does not affect the merits of Norfolk Southern Railway Company's ("NSR") petition in this proceeding under 49 USC 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a rail line, it has come to our attention that the line may be transferred to Rosebud Mining Company or one of its affiliates, most likely Kiski Junction Railroad, Inc. The purpose of the abandonment - to facilitate the coal mining operations of Rosebud Mining - remain the same. We do not think the Board needs to amend the notice, but provide this information in the interest of full disclosure.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John M. Scheib".

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